

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (IRELAND) (ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated the 16th January, 1913 :—for,

RETURN "showing how much the Department of Agriculture (Ireland) cost for administrative purposes in the past year, distinguishing that cost into Expenditure on educational Administration, Expenditure on non-educational Administration, and Administrative Expenditure common to both."

(Captain O'Neill.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
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T. P. GILL,
Secretary

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It is not possible to distinguish with any degree of accuracy the cost of the administration of the Department between expenditure on educational administration, expenditure on non-educational administration, and administrative expenditure common to both. In certain cases, such as the work of the Technical Instruction Branch and of the Science and Art Institutions, comprising the Royal College of Science, the School of Art, the Museum, the National Library, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, the expenditure may be regarded as entirely educational. In other cases, such as, for instance, the work of the Agricultural Branch, an Inspector may be at one time engaged in examining an agricultural school or a winter class, and at another inspecting horses or cattle under the Live Stock Improvement Schemes. Again, members of the clerical staff may be engaged during one part of the day on educational work and at another on non-educational work.

In view of these circumstances an approximate division only can be made as to the expenditure on educational administration, on non-educational administration, and on administration common to both these purposes. This approximate division is:—

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On educational administration	49,600
On non-educational administration,	11,500
On administration common to both purposes	38,700
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This expenditure represents the cost of the staff of the Department, including the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Inspectors and clerical staff, the Professors and Teachers of the Royal College of Science and the School of Art, the staff of the Museum, National Library, Royal Botanic Gardens, and Geological Survey of Ireland. The cost of cleaning, caretakers and messengers is not included.